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DIRECTOR

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1. AS REQUIRED BY THE 303 COMMITTEE IN APPROVING
ELECTION PROGRAM ON 12 JULY 68 THE FOLLOWING PROGRESS
REPORT IS SUBMITTED. AMBASSADOR CONCURS.

2. BACKGROUND.

A. PDC NATIONAL JUNTA IN EARLY AUGUST ELECTED
NEW DIRECTORATE WHICH REPRESENTS SOME WEAKENING OF FREI
HAND AND ASCENDANCY OF CD'S OF TOMIC SUASION WITH
SIMULTANEOUS, BUT MINOR, STRENGTHENING OF "REBELDE"
ELEMENTS. IMPLICATIONS FOR ELECTION PROGRAM NOT
SIGNIFICANT RE PDC NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES, AND PRESENT
LISTS EXPECTED TO STAND WITH ONLY MINOR IF ANY VARIATIONS.

B. NATIONAL PARTY ALSO HAS ELECTED NEW DIRECTORATE,
INCLUDING AN EX-RADICAL DEPUTY, IS ONE MORE COMPLETELY
BEHIND ALESSANDRI PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY. EFFECT ON
ELECTION PROGRAM MAY BE THAT FEWER GOOD CANDIDATES WILL BE

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NOMINATED AS NATIONAL PARTY TRYING CREATE RESERVOIR OF *odd!*
TALENTED INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD BE FREE WORK FULL-TIME IN
SUPPORT OF ALESSANDRI. HOWEVER, FRANCISCO BULNES INTENDS
TO RUN FOR DEPUTY IN SANTIAGO'S WELL-PUBLICIZED 1ST
DISTRICT SO AS TO PROJECT A NATIONAL IMAGE.

C. RECENT REVIEW OF RADICAL PARTY AND SITUATION
OF MODERATE RADICALS THEREIN LEAVES ELECTION TEAM LESS
SANGUINE THAT THEY CAN STILL BE CONSIDERED ON EQUAL TERMS
WITH NATIONALS AND PDC AS BENEFICIARIES OF SELECTIVE
SUPPORT. THIS BASED IN INCREASED CERTITUDE THAT, WITH
EXCEPTION ONE OR TWO INDIVIDUALS, RADICAL LEADERSHIP (AS
OPPOSED TO A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF USUAL RADICAL CLIENTELE)
WILL EN MASSE SUPPORT ALLIANCE WITH FRAP IN 1970, THUS
ELIMINATING ALMOST ALL RADICALS FROM OVERALL ELECTION
SUPPORT CONCEPT TO CREATE BRAKING ACTION AMONG ANTI-FRAP
MODERATES.

D. MUST TAKE NOTE OF TWO OTHER DEVELOPMENTS WHICH
COULD HAVE MAJOR EFFECT ON 1969 ELECTIONS: (1) EXTENSIVE
DROUGHT WHICH IS LIABLE DRIVE FOOD PRICES UPWARD AND CREATE
AS MANY AS 200,000 UNEMPLOYED FARM WORKERS THUS CREATING

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"FERTILE GROUND" FOR MARXIST EXPLOITATION; AND (2) INCREASED PROBLEMS WITHIN MARXIST CAMP BETWEEN COMMUNISTS' MODERATE TACTICAL LINE AND SOCIALISTS' ACCELERATED REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY.

3. ELECTION TEAM ACTIVITIES.

A. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES: DESPITE FACT THAT CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS NOT COMPLETELY FINALIZED, ELECTION TEAM IS SORTING OUT VARIOUS CONTESTS

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4. FUNDS: TO DATE NO FUNDS HAVE BEEN EXPENDED UNDER
THE ELECTION PROGRAM.

5. PLANS: IT IS EXPECTED THAT IN COURSE OF COMING
MONTH ELECTION TEAM WILL REACH AGREEMENT ON ADDITIONAL
CANDIDATES, ESPECIALLY WITH PN AND PDC, TO BE SUPPORTED.

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